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Date: August 7, 2014

To: Mr. Clayton Wong, Fiscal Officer

From: Laura Figueira   
Executive Assistant to Council Chair Ernest Y. Martin

Re: Travel Report on 2014 NACo Annual Conference

Attached is my report on the NACo Annual Conference and Exposition held on July 11-14, 2014 in New Orleans, Louisiana. The Annual Conference provided county officials with an opportunity to vote on NACo's policies related to federal legislation and regulation, elect officers for the coming year and share issues that have an impact on counties across the country.

**NACo Annual Conference and Exposition**  
**July 11 – 14, 2014**  
**New Orleans, LA**

*This four-day conference showcased three new research projects, more than a dozen new publications, and new networking opportunities. Policy meetings were conducted with a sharp focus on the reauthorization of federal surface transportation legislation and the proposed EPA regulations on “waters of the US”. Research studies explored the role of counties in economic development, the impact of the Affordable Health Care Act on health care benefits for county employees and an updated, expanded and more user-friendly online County Intelligence Connection 2.0. Workshop sessions ran throughout the conference providing attendees with new ideas and information about workforce and economic development, health care, criminal justice, county administration and cybersecurity. The annual conference was also the venue for the election of new officers and adoption of new policy resolutions. Highlights of the conference include:*

**Saturday, July 12, 2014**

- ❖ 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Opening General Session Room
  - Presiding The Honorable Linda Langston, President, NACo and Supervisor, Linn County, IA and Featured Speaker award-winning, best-selling author and inspirational speaker Chef Jeff Henderson, America’s Human Potential Coach.

**Sunday, July 13, 2014**

- ❖ 10:00 a.m. Swearing in of new NACo President Riki Hokama
  - Hawaii delegation there to congratulate Maui County Councilmember Riki Hokama, who will be heading NACo’s new leadership team as President for the upcoming year. As NACo President, Mr. Hokama aims to strengthen counties ability to deliver transportation and infrastructure services to their communities.
- ❖ 12:15 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. Achievement Awards Luncheon
  - NACo’s annual Achievement Awards Program is a non-competitive awards program that recognizes innovative programs that modernize and improve county government.
  - The City and County of Honolulu Office of Council Services received an Achievement Award for their work on a new website for the Revised Ordinances of Honolulu, which provides the public with online access to laws and important information. The ROH Online website is presented in a familiar and user-friendly platform. Navigation keys such as “What’s New” and “Commonly Viewed Chapters” allow new and popular code material to be effortlessly retrieved by visitors. When browsing the site, frequent code users are invited to sign-up to receive electronic alerts about the code; while beginners are offered newly developed “User Tools” that aide in navigating the code more effectively and efficiently. A well-organized website it also enables other code content, including chapters and schedules, to be quickly accessed via conveniently placed hyperlinks. Since the launch, the online ROH website has

received approximately 100,000 visitors monthly and is consistently one of the most visited websites for the City and County of Honolulu. The ROH Online website is a volunteer service provided by the City's Revisor of Ordinances.

- Maui County received Achievement Award for Best in Category in Civic Education and Public Information for their Remote Testimony: Interactive Communication System. In 2012, the Maui County Council established an interactive communication system enabling residents in the county's more distant regions to testify before the council and its committees remotely, without having to expend the time and money necessary to travel long distances to the county seat in Wailuku, located in an area known as Central Maui. Residents have embraced the program, with many contributing their opinions, ideas and facts in audio testimony via the new system. Council members are pleased with the enhanced mechanism for receiving vital input from their constituents throughout the county, who are heard and recorded at the Council Chamber via speakerphone. In November 2012, voters approved an amendment to the county charter proposing the establishment of a vehicle for remote testimony. The system debuted in December 2012 and is now an integral component of the council's meetings.
- ❖ 2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Building a Healthy, Prosperous Sustainable County: County Solutions to Improve Health
  - Beyond addressing traditional measures of health, a healthy county must also create plans, build partnerships, and adopt policies and regulations that focus on the social, economic, and physical environment in their communities, such as accessibility to parks, public transportation, and green buildings. Exploring and utilizing the County Health Rankings & Roadmaps, this interactive workshop provided an opportunity to share best practices and network with other counties on this topic. Julie Willems Van Dijk, Deputy Director, County Health Roadmaps University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute moderated with speakers Lori Bays, Human Services Director, Salt Lake County, UT and The Honorable Ben McAdams, Mayor Salt Lake County, UT.

## **Monday, July 14, 2014**

- ❖ 9:00 a.m. - 10:15 Learn New Strategies for your County Economy
  - This session features a presentation on the Role of Counties in Economic Development, the first paper in the NACo "Why Counties Matter" paper series. A panel discussion of counties features as case studies in the paper and a moderated discussion with the audience followed the presentation.
- ❖ 2:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Closing General Session
  - Focused on the reauthorization of federal transportation legislation and the proposed EPA regulations on "waters of the U.S." The Honorable G. Riki Hokama presided over the meeting. The featured speaker for the closing session was Frank Caliendo, Comedian, Impersonator and Actor.

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## CLAIM FOR TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT

Date: 7-28-14

Traveler: Laura Figueira

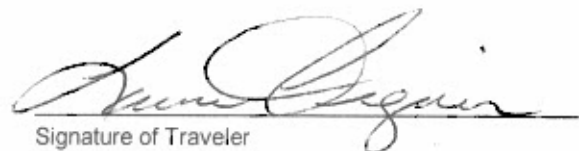
Event: NACo Annual Conference 2014

Location: New Orleans, LA

Dates: From 7/10/14 To 7/15/14

Description	Amount	Notes:
1. Registration Fee	0	
2. Airfare	0	
3. Hotel	810.68	4 nights at Hilton \$202.67
4. Meals	0	
5. Ground Transportation	28.00	Receipts attached
6. Tips	6.00	Receipts attached.
7. Other	0	
Other	0	
Other	0	
8. Adjustment	0	
TOTAL REIMBURSEMENT	844.68	

This is to certify that the above data, based upon receipts submitted to Council Administrative Support Services via a CCLTRVL02 form, is accurate. Further, I am claiming reimbursement for expenses associated with a trip in which City business was conducted and personal funds were used to advance payment:

  
Signature of Traveler

7/28/14  
Date